Lok Adalats in UP

*395. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Lok Adalats held in Uttar Pradesh during the year 1986-87 and the number of cases disposed of by them; and

(b) what are the details of the progress made so far in setting up of family court in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): According to the information furnished by the Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes:—

(a) 122 Lok Adalats have been held during the year 1986-87 and 1,31,879 cases were disposed of during the period.

(b) Two Family Courts have been set up in the State of Uttar Pradesh, one at Lucknow and the other at Kanpur.

Refund of deposits by automobile manufacturers

*396. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that most of the automobile manufacturers do not repay the amount of deposit and interest to its prospective customers when they want to cancel the registration and request for the refund of the deposit amount and the interest accrued thereon;

(b) whether Government propose to issue some guidelines to be followed strictly by all such manufacturers to refund the deposit amount for registration of a vehicle within a specified time;

(c) if so, by when such guidelines are proposed to be issued; and

(d) in case such guidelines are already there, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Though there are some instances of delay in refunding the deposit money due to non-compliance of certain formalities stipulated by the manufacturers, no complaint of non-refund of deposit money by the manufacturers has been brought to the notice of the Government. The interest on such money is paid by the manufacturers as per the terms and conditions announced at the time of booking of vehicles.

(b) to (d) A copy of the guidelines issued to the automobile manufacturers for utilisation of advance money and advising them to arrange early refund of such money is laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines for Deployment of Funds taken by the Companies as advance for booking of vehicles

The question of automotive manufacturers accepting deposit as advance for booking of vehicles has been engaging attention of the Government for some time. While these advances may be essentially in the nature of a civil contract, it is not unusual for the depositors to expect a reasonble return in the form of interest and seek reassurance about their deposits even through Government intervention It is, therefore, essential that amounts received from depositors are deployed in a manner which would enable the company to make prompt refunds of the principal amount alongwith the interest. With a view to maintaining adequate security of depositors money, Government have considered it desirable to prescribe the following guidelines:—

(i) Not less than fifty per cent of the deposits received should be deposited with nationalised banks|public sector financial institutions|public sector undertakings/Unit Trust of India and H.D.F.C.

(ii) The balance amount could be utilised by the company as its working capital or for deposit with private sector companies. However, deposit with the private sector will not be more than twenty five percent of the total deposits received by the company.

(iii) The deployment of funds on the above basis will be relatable to the deposits available with the company on 30.6.1984 and at the end of each of the subsequent quarters 30.6.1984 and 30.9.1984 and so on.

(iv) The minimum interest payable on the deposits should be seven percent per annum compounded annually.

2. The following cases have been exempted from the purview of these guidelines:

(a) Where complete deposits by a manufacturing unt do not exceed Rs. 10 lakhs at any time.

(b) Where waiting list does not exceed 6 months producton as also deposits do not exceed Rs. 50 lakhs.

3. The Ministry has been receiving frequent complaints that automobile manufacturers, at times, do not make prompt refund of deposits taken against booking of vehicle. While it is appreciated that some cases may be due to incomplete details furnished by the consumers there could be other cases attributable to procedural delays. It would be appreciated if manufacturers take steps to arrange early refund of deposits as and when approached in order to avoid complaints.

4. The Government trusts that automobile manufacturers will take suitable steps for implementation of these guidelines with immediate effect. The position of deposits and their deployment may kindly be reported to the Department of Heavy Industry every quarter i.e. 30.6.1984, 30.9.1984 and so on.

टायरों का आयात

*397. श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :
श्री मुख्तियार सिंह मलिक :

क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच कि सरकार ने टायरों का आयात करने का निर्णय किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

(ग) उक्त आयात के संबंध में अब तक हुई प्रगति की स्थिति क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री जे० वेंगल राव) : (क) से (ग) टायर आयात करन के संबंध में सरकार द्वारा अभी तक कोई निणय नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, आवश्यकता पड़न पर सरकार टायरों का आयात कर सकती है ।

Exploitation of Tidal Power at Khambhat in Gujarat

*398. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister fo ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the difference between the high tide and low tide is second highest in the world at Khambhat in Gujarat;

(b) whether technically it is considered to be a very favourable condition for generation of tidal electricity; and

(c) if so, whether Government have undertaken any survey or carried out a feasibility study near Khambhat for generation of tidal electricity; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Technically Khambhat is considered to be a feasible site for generation of tidal power.